

For Ghost Talkers.  
WHICH Bible?  
Kill the Rates.  
Big City, Few Schools.

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Mediums, ghost seers, ouija scientists, show what you can do. A real spirit waiting to talk to you; see if you can reach it.

The spirit lives in the brain of Prof. Hyslop, lately of Columbia College, now head of the American Institute of Psychical Research. Prof. Hyslop, who thinks he can photograph and talk with spirits in the other world, suffered a hemorrhage of the brain in "Broca's convolution," and speech was destroyed.

Let spiritualists and ouijaists see what they can get in the way of messages from the spirit of a living man whose Broca convolution is out of gear. They won't get anything, not even "papa is happy" or "I must go now, other spirits are waiting to talk."

When he gets better, Psychologist Hyslop will know positively that, in order to talk, a spirit must have a Broca convolution in first-class order. In a material world, spirits can express themselves only through matter. Ghosts leave their skulls and all their convolutions in the grave. How do they do their talking? The answer is, "they don't."

If any ghost CAN talk, the world will hear something from John Calvin today, when Maude Royden, of London, is to preach from Calvin's pulpit in the Cathedral of Geneva. The one thing that Calvin believed in most sincerely next to hellfire was that women should keep their mouths shut and listen to him.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, in national synod, demands "an amendment to the Constitution acknowledging God and the authority of the Bible." By all means, let perhaps another acknowledgment that the earth is round and twice two make four. Which Bible, by the way? The Catholic Bible differs from the Protestant Bible, and there are two versions of that, the old one, written in the better English. And there is the recent interesting translation of the old Testament by competent Jewish scholars. These editions cannot all be exact. Which is to be in the Constitution, and how many agents will the Government hire to jail those caught "transporting or selling" the wrong edition?

More cases of bubonic plague at Vera Cruz. Half the houses in the place will be torn down and wreckage burned to stop the epidemic.

Bubonic and other plagues could be wiped out permanently if the nations would unite to kill off rats and mice that carry disease. One-tenth of one per cent of money recently spent in killing men and starving children would end plagues and their carriers forever. But civilized nations that CAN afford to fight and murder each other cannot afford to fight disease.

There is a big city on this continent, New York, the city proper, has 6,100,000 inhabitants. Within the metropolitan district are 8,200,000. This does not include big New Jersey cities across the river.

If New York were as excellent in all ways as it is in bigness, it would do well. But it has things to learn from many other American cities, especially the value of public schools. In the schools, New York compares favorably, considering its wealth, with small towns in Morocco.

How are business men impressed by the fact, brought out in the Senate investigation, that Mr. Hoover's Presidential aspirations were financed by men from whom he had been buying food with the public money? What would a merchant say, if his chief "buyer" were generously financed by the men from whom the "buyer" had been buying? He'd say, "get me a new buyer."

Are you aware that in these days of theoretical peace and the preposterous peace league, this country, for the fiscal year ahead of us, has appropriated \$23 million of dollars for war purposes? This is \$150,000,000 more than our total Government expenditure before the war began. A good deal to pay for "fear of war." How much would it cost if we allowed sloppy sentimentality to drag us into war?

No wonder men that got their billions in the last war are eager for a "peace" league that would keep us and other nations at war forever.

The latest news is that Bolshevik Russia and Turkey threaten Armenia. Don't you wish we were in that peace league, so that Haiti, Venezuela, Panama, and Mexico could vote with France and England to have us send men and money six thousand miles to attend to somebody else's business?

A Jewish proverb says, "It is easy enough to cut shoelaces out of another man's leather." That proverb applies to gentlemen at Washington that cut shoelaces out of the public money.

They are about to pay \$25,000,000 to Panama, because, if you please, this country dug the canal, put Panama on the map, and enriched its inhabitants, besides pulling them out of obscurity. It is as though a drowning man just pulled out of the water should say, "give me \$25,000,000 for the pleasure and excitement of pulling me out."

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Monday; warmer Tuesday; west to northwest winds. Temperature: Minimum, 50; maximum, 70.

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# JOHNSON DELEGATES MAKE SPECTACULAR ENTRY

## Diary Tells How Two War Workers Stole Fine Clothes to Aid Vamping

### U. S. MOVES TO BLOCK PLAGUE

Public Health Service Orders All Ships From Vera Cruz Fumigated.

RED CROSS SENDS SERUM

Rat Proofing and Extermination Only Really Effective Preventive.

The Public Health Service today acted to prevent the spread of bubonic plague to the United States from Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Surgeon General Cumming has issued orders to quarantine stations that all ships entering American ports from Vera Cruz be held for thorough fumigation, and has directed public health service officers at the Mexican port to fumigate all vessels leaving there for the United States.

### MEXICANS HIDE PLAGUE VICTIMS; FEAR HOSPITAL

VERA CRUZ, June 6.—The sky around the city was lighted last night by the reflections of thousands of bonfires burning in the streets, and marking the completion of a clean-up campaign in force for the last three days under government orders, in an effort to stamp out the bubonic plague which has the city in its grip.

Many residents are complaining against the destruction of rubbish by this method, declaring that a certain amount of refuse would not burn, and that this filth in the streets would increase the plague. They urged the government to take immediate steps to clear the streets, but since the number of garbage carts here is far insufficient for the emergency, it will be several days before a general clean-up can be completed.

Appeals were made to the governor of the state of Vera Cruz and to the mayor of the city today to accept President Wilson's offer of a hospital ship and medicines. The physicians of the city complained that they have neither serums, lymphs, nor sufficient other equipment necessary to combat the epidemic.

It was learned that relatives and friends of those stricken with the disease were hiding their sick, rather than permit them to be taken to the detention hospital, where every patient so far has died.

Reports declared there was not sufficient drinking water for the sick on the island. Relatives of the sick, who there bid their loved one good-bye when the stricken are taken by the doctors, and there is a dread of the hospital almost greater than the fear of the plague itself. Three reported cases were discovered today when those shielding them said they would rather give them what attention they could before death than have them die in solitude in the hospital.

Fear of the grim death which stalks grows hourly, for no one knows when he may be stricken, and the order that none shall leave the city is being rigidly enforced. All train service has been suspended and no water communication is allowed. No correspondence other than telegraphic can reach the city or leave it.

Twelve new suspected cases were reported to the public health authorities today. There is much discontent over the manner in which the officials are handling the situation and appeals are being made to the mayor to remove traveling restrictions so that persons may leave by ship.

### PRESIDENT HAS GAINED 20 POUNDS SINCE FEB.

Feeling Better Than at Any Time Since Illness, Says Dr. Grayson.

President Wilson was weighed yesterday and tipped the scales at 176 pounds. This is a gain of twenty pounds since he was last previously weighed, early in February, and is within three pounds of his greatest weight since entering the White House.

The President is looking better and, according to Dr. Grayson, his physician, is feeling better than at any time since he was taken ill. In spite of the great amount of work incident to the adjournment of Congress, he was up and about the strain and found time to see his cousin, Dr. George de Schweinitz, of Philadelphia, who made the regular semi-annual examination of Mr. Wilson's eyes and found them in good condition.

### "Lifted" Bathing Suit, Too Small, Returned It, and Stole Another

While yet partly intoxicated with the success which has attended their alleged "shoplifting" activities in Washington during the past several months, two pretty war workers have been arrested. Their case has been presented to the grand jury.

The mystery of the disappearance of hundreds of dollars' worth of goods from the District downtown stores is thought to have been cleared up with the charging of Alice Minsker, twenty-one, and Grace Lillard, twenty-five, with grand larceny. The girls, who have been living at 1230 Fourteenth street northwest in an apartment, have signed away all property rights to \$1,378.49 worth of clothing, which was found upon search of their home.

To Mrs. Cecelia Clarke, policeman of the women's bureau, goes the credit for solving a puzzle which held the attention of police for months. She placed Alice Minsker under arrest several days ago, after watching her stealing silk in a department store. Not many hours later, with information gained from the girl, she went to Hannibal, Mo., and returned with her friend in custody.

The life of petty crime which the girls have been leading since coming to Washington is partly revealed in the diary of one. This book is in the hands of the police, and with letters exchanged during the trip of Grace Lillard it is considered an important link in the evidence.

Bearded and Adorned in Stealing Valuable.

In the "usual way" Alice Minsker showed her cleverness in the shoplifting game. She even boasted of her adeptness in a letter to her friend, and voiced a wish to try for bigger game—rings, for instance.

The acquaintance rapidly ripened into love, but the mother of the princess frowned on the affair and suddenly informed the ardent suitor that his attentions were unwelcome. Thereupon he returned to his room in the Hotel du Rhin, across from the Ritz, and blew out his brains, after writing a brief note telling of the blighted romance.

The latter was Miss Marie Reed, of Washington, and before her marriage to the prince was divorced from Col. F. H. Parkhurst.

Two months ago the wealthy young Italian met the young princess at a dance in the Ritz, where she and her mother have been staying.

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### V. BLASCO IBANEZ Tells What's Wrong With Mexico

Mexicans Talk Only Behind Closed Doors With Friends They Trust Implicitly—Carranza Talked Like a Simpleton About the United States.

By VICENTE BLASCO IBANEZ, Author of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." (Copyrighted by the Foreign Press Service.)

III. MEXICO'S SORROW.

The gloom of Mexico City is not confined to the external aspects of the town. You feel it in individuals as well. The more intelligent, the better educated a man is, the greater his intellectual distinction, the more taciturn and reserved he appears.

People venture to talk only behind closed doors and with friends whom they trust implicitly. They have lived through such terrible experiences! They have such good reason to be afraid!

Some of my critics, who find it to their interest to misinterpret me, since they cannot dispute the accuracy of my story, assert that I am describing a vaudeville Mexico, with nothing but burlesque characters and villains.

They are right. I am painting just those types; but I add that those types are the men who govern, or pretend to be governing, the country. Behind them, keeping modestly and carefully out of sight—for to show themselves would mean sacrifice or exile—are the real people of Mexico, the people I respect and would like to see in power.

Many Honest Citizens.

Mexico has any number of honest, cultivated, distinguished citizens who have never been generals, but have thrown credit on their names in the arts of peace. Where are they? Some of them have stayed, out of patriotic devotion, in Mexico—but attracting no attention to themselves and hoping that politics will never discover them. Others have fled the deadly environment. They are in Cuba, in Europe, in the United States.

Against these men I shall never speak. In them lies the hope of Mexico, the only hope of salvation and restoration that remains. Their

### DELEGATES OF G.O.P. PUZZLED

Maze of Uncertainty in Chicago Apparent Through Lack of Real Leadership.

MISS BAND WAGON PARADE

Rumors of Bargains and Deals Persist As Nominating Hour Approaches.

CHICAGO, June 6.—Chicago is seething with uncertainty and excitement awaiting the opening of the most amazing convention within the memory of the oldest delegate present.

Inside the campaign headquarters of Lowden, Wood, Harding, Hoover, Butler, Coolidge, Poindexter, and other aspirants, mobs are already so thick as to make breathing difficult, while outside, in the hotel corridors and lobbies, one can scarcely distinguish one word from another because of smoke arising from the human jungle.

Rumors of Trading

Rumors are flying of coalitions, bargains, and political deals. Everybody is asking for nominee tips, yet after all-day searching but seven men were found who had the vaguest idea, these seven being the local managers of the seven principal candidates. Even they had doubts.

But that the G. O. P. will choose its standard bearer on this or that ballot are conspicuously lacking, proof that even now campaign managers, delegates, and hangers-on are still in a fog of uncertainty.

Hiram Johnson said he had heard people say there would be ten ballots or more, but he himself did not think so. General Wood declared he thought the convention would be comparatively short. A Lowden manager vented the opinion that it would end Friday of next week, while Ralph Beaver Strassberger, Wood's backer from Pennsylvania, was inclined to believe three ballots might decide.

See Popular Nominations.

Not only many of the delegates present but several of the candidates for the nomination admit they believe this to be the last great national political sale one, that will ever be held under present rules. When Chicago says good-bye to the G. O. P. this time, and San Francisco bids farewell to her Democratic guests, there is a distinct impression here that no other

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### WEALTHY AMERICAN ACCUSED BY PRINCE

Nobleman Asserts He Was Shot During Altercation At Exclusive Restaurant.

PARIS, June 6.—Prince Wladimir Cantacuzene, forty-one, former member of the Russian nobility in Kiev, and at present time secretary to Mme. Aimee Groussard, has filed a complaint with the police charging that a rich American living in Avenue Wagram shot him in the head with a revolver.

Mystery surrounds the shooting and the identity of the American named by Cantacuzene, the police refusing to disclose any further information.

It was contended, however, that the shooting occurred in a restaurant—dinner hall of the better class in Montmartre, where Prince Wladimir had gone with a party of friends to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Russian revolution. The shooting occurred in a restaurant—dinner hall of the better class in Montmartre, where Prince Wladimir had gone with a party of friends to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Russian revolution.

It could not be learned whether he was shot during an altercation in which he was one of the principals or whether he was an innocent spectator wounded during a quarrel in which he had no part.

SON OF HETTY GREEN DENIED CHICAGO SEAT

CHICAGO, June 6.—The delegates-at-large from Texas, headed by National Committeeman H. P. McGreggor, of Houston, were declared the regularly elected delegates by the national committee yesterday afternoon and were ordered seated in the convention.

The right of the McGreggor slate to sit in the convention was contested by a slate headed by E. H. R. Green, son of the late Hettie Green and William M. McDonald, a negro banker from Fort Worth.

### Liquor Only Missing Feature of 'Old Times' Amid Chicago Turmoil

Bands, Banners, Badges, Parades, and Handshaking In Order, As In Past.

CHICAGO, June 6.—The decks were being cleared for action here today.

With contests over delegates' seats out of the way, state delegations arriving, and the brass bands getting on the job, it began to look like "old times."

The last forty-eight hours before the opening of the Republican national convention are being spent by candidates in making final preparations for the battle which starts Tuesday morning.

None of the candidates is claiming victory. But all are avowedly hopeful, or their friends are hopeful for them. The Hoover leaders here are organizing a last-minute drive which they believe will bring the former food administrator up front when the voting starts.

Johnson Prepares Speech.

Senator Johnson is preparing a speech to be delivered tomorrow night at his mass meeting on the eve of the convention opening. General Wood and Governor Lowden's managers expect a hard fight and are getting ready for it.

Senator Poindexter's backers believe that they can hold the Washington State delegation together to vote for him on every ballot and so have him in the forefront as a compromise, should a deadlock occur.

Nicholas Murray Butler is issuing statements taking sharp issue with Johnson on the League of Nations question. Governor Coolidge's boom is scheduled to be heard again louder than ever with the arrival today of the Massachusetts delegation.

Meanwhile, the city had hit its convention stride. Jammed hotel lobbies were filled with delegates.

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### CHARGES H.C.L. TO DEMOCRATS

G. O. P. Platform Scores Govt. Extravagance and Excess Profits Tax.

CHICAGO, June 6.—The platform to be adopted here this week will lay a great deal of the blame for the high cost of living directly on the Democratic Administration.

This became certain here when there was made public the reports of the Republican subcommittee which for months has been engaged in platform building, in preparation for the convention. When the resolutions committee of the convention meets Tuesday it will find already prepared all of the planks with the exception of the international relations and Mexican planks. The candidate will have the principal say in the construction of these planks.

The high cost of living plank, which the subcommittee has prepared, finds a variety of causes, of which the chief one is the depreciated dollar. The report says:

"The prime cause of the 'high cost of living' has been, first and foremost, the depreciation of the dollar, by chasing power of the dollar, due to gross expansion of our currency and credit."

Excess Profits Tax Blamed.

"In addition to inflation as the primary cause of high prices, there have been important contributory causes—wartime taxation, stationary production, disproportionate wages, excessive expenditures, and private extravagance. Over and over a drag-like effect on general business, the excess profits tax has operated to exaggerate the tendency toward rising prices."

Extravagance in Government expenditures has contributed to the accumulation of a floating debt.

"The evil of the price inflation, are in large part, beyond remedy. The first step in the correction of high cost of living is to stop further credit inflation on the part of the Treasury in the form of certificate borrowing."

The report closes with a significant warning to the party and to the country.

Heavy Taxes to Continue.

"Plan and fashion as you will," it concludes, "the country is in for a long period of heavy taxation. Facing this prospect, every effort should be made to use those particular taxes which will do the least harm to the economic life of the nation and at the same time realize the largest measure of justice as to incidence and distribution."

In summary—rigorous avoidance of further inflation in Government borrowing, courageous but intelligent deflation of credit and contraction of currency, heightened production of goods and service, public economy and private thrift, revision of taxation as to incidence and distribution—these are the approaches to the successful attack on the high cost of living."

THOMPSON ANNOUNCES HE WILL BOLT LOWDEN

CHICAGO, June 6.—Mayor Thompson of Chicago, today announced that he would bolt Lowden in the national convention next week. He has seven delegates who will follow his instructions.

### BOOSTERS GET IN FROM WEST

California Special Brings Noisy and Enthusiastic Crowd of Senator's Supporters.

START TO WHOOP THINGS UP

Flying Squadrons Organized to Spread Gospel of Their Candidate.

CHICAGO, June 6.—Pre-convention activities reached their height today with the arrival here of more than a score of complete State delegations to the Republican national convention.

With delegate contests out of the way, interest centered on the delegates, many of whom are uninitiated, and it was on these that the heavy fire of candidates for the Presidency centered their drive for additional support.

Johnson Men Arrive

Hiram Johnson holds the honor of getting the first complete delegation here. The California delegation was actively on the scene here today working for him following a spectacular entrance into Chicago by them last night.

The Johnson legionnaires, including the California delegation arrived on a special train from California—the "poppy special." They at once started in to whoop things up for their candidate.

With a band and flying banners and flags, the boosters paraded the streets to Johnson's headquarters and greeted their chief with a serenade. Senator Johnson welcomed his home friends warmly. Flying squadrons of boosters were organized to tell other delegates to the convention why Johnson should be nominated and why he is popular in California. Before midnight the Johnson gospel was being preached broadcast.

Flint Heads Delegation

Former Senator Frank P. Flint of Los Angeles, heads the delegates. Today delegates from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and many other States are to come on the scene.

Interest centers chiefly in the New York and Pennsylvania delegation, who, though they are instructed to cast their votes for favorite son candidates, are still an enigma to those endeavoring to learn in whom they will support for second choice.

All Due By Tomorrow.

Trains arriving today unloaded hundreds of delegates and thousands of visitors. Tomorrow is expected to see the arrival of practically all delegations.

Delegations due to arrive today in addition to those named above are: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Illinois, North Dakota, Utah, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Arkansas, Maryland, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and West Virginia delegations were expected to arrive tomorrow.

### DESERT CAPITAL FOR WINDY CITY

Grand Exodus of Statesmen As Congress Quits—Camp Followers Migrate.

With the "front" in national events having shifted to the West, Washington today could well be called a "deserted city."

When Congress wound up, or cut short, its business on "Capitol Hill" yesterday afternoon, some of the principal generals in the Republican campaign to win control of the next United States Government lost no time in leaving for the "Windy City."

Among the emigrants to Chicago and the Republican convention last night were such embryo Presidents as United States Senators Warren G. Harding and Henry Cabot Lodge.

And among the generalissimo and other officers who left the "front" was the usual force of "camp followers," that set of Washington society, which follows the "interesting things," and can usually be seen in attendance at the sensational Congressional proceedings.

Like the Sims-Daniels hearings, is starting its vacation this year at Chicago and probably will continue it at San Francisco.

Many of Washington's palatial embassies and legations were given to principal generals in the foreign envoys had gone to see America's political armies in action.

Probably the most notable absence from the Capital today was the absence of any news. However, it was predicted by some that Washington might again take the center of the country's stage tomorrow with a Supreme Court decision on prohibition.

CAPTURE CONVICTS WHO BROKE SHANGHAI JAIL

SHANGHAI, June 6.—Soldiers and police have captured twenty-eight of the 178 long-term prison convicts who broke jail just outside the international settlement here recently.

The jail break occurred after a false fire alarm was given. Three guards and seven prisoners were killed in the fight that followed.